GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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GRANTS IN AID UNDER DRDA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is releasing grants-in-aid under District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) on the basis of number of blocks and not on the basis of staff strength;

(b) if so, whether DRDAs in some States are facing acute problems in regard to salaries of staff as a result thereof ;

(c) whether any analysis has been made in this regard ;

(d) if so, the findings thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government to overcome the situation ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) & (b) The Government of India releases grants-in-aid to DRDAs depending on the number of blocks and the corresponding permissible staff strength as per guidelines. Since the salary structure in different States is different, the States may follow their own salary structure. However, the administrative cost ceiling fixed should be strictly adhered to. Any increase over and above the ceiling should be met entirely by the State Government.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (e) Question does not arise.